# **Construction Material**

#### General

Soils are rated as sources for roadfill, topsoil, sand, and gravel. Suitability ratings of good, fair, or poor are given for soils used as a source of roadfill and topsoil. Ratings of probable and improbable are given for sand and gravel. A rating of probable means that on the basis of the available evidence, the source material is likely to be in or below the soil. A rating of improbable means that the source material is unlikely to be in or below the soil. The ratings for sand and gravel do not consider the quality of the source material because quality depends on how the source material is to be used.

#### Roadfill

Roadfill consists of soil material that is excavated from its original position and used in road embankments elsewhere. The evaluations for roadfill are for low embankments that generally are less than 6 feet in height and are less exacting in design than high embankments such as those along superhighways. The rating is given for the whole soil, from the surface to a depth of about 5 feet, based on the assumption that soil horizons will be mixed in loading, dumping, and spreading. Soils are rated as to the amount of material available for excavation, the ease of excavation, and how well the material performs after it is in place.

#### Sand

Sand as a construction material is usually defined as particles ranging in size from 0.074 mm (sieve #200) to 4.75 mm (sieve #4) in diameter. Sand is used in great quantities in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each purpose vary widely. The intent of this rating is to show only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity. The suitability of the sand for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains sand, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the sand layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

# Gravel

Gravel as a construction material is defined as particles ranging in size from 4.76 mm (sieve #4) to 76 mm (3 inches) in diameter. Gravel is used in great quantities in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each purpose vary widely. The intent of this rating is to show only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity. The suitability of the gravel for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains gravel, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the gravel layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

# **Topsoil**

The term "topsoil" has several meanings. As used here, the term describes soil material used to cover an area so as to improve soil conditions for establishment and maintenance of adapted vegetation. Generally, the upper part of the soil, which is richest in organic matter, is most desirable; however, material excavated from deeper layers is also used. In this rating, the upper 40 inches of soil material is evaluated for use as topsoil. In the borrow area, the material below 40 inches is evaluated for its suitability for plant growth after the upper 40 inches is removed. The soil properties that are used to rate the soil as topsoil are those that affect plant growth, the ease of excavation, loading, and spreading, and those that affect the reclamation of the borrow area.

See the National Soil Survey Handbook, Part 620, for criteria used in rating specific uses

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
<b>AaB</b> ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
AaC ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
AaE ADAMS	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: slope, too sandy.
<b>AgA</b> ALLAGASH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim.
<b>AgB</b> ALLAGASH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim.
<b>AgC</b> ALLAGASH	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim.
<b>AgD</b> ALLAGASH	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope.
BaA BANGOR	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
BaB BANGOR	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
BaC				
BANGOR	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
BaD				
BANGOR				
	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
BmB				
BANGOR				
	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
BmC				
BANGOR	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
BmD				
BANGOR	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
BnB				
BANGOR				
	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
BnC				
BANGOR				
	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	<pre>Improbable: excess fines.</pre>	Poor: small stones.
BnD				
BANGOR				
	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
ВоА				
BIDDEFORD	_			
	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
BrA				
BURNHAM	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
BuA				
BUXTON				
	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
BuB				
BUXTON				
2011-011	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
BuC				
BUXTON				
	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
BxB				
BIDDEFORD				
	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
BUXTON	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
CaC				
CANAAN				
CINCIN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
DOGK OTHERDOD				
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
CaE CANAAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.
CcB COLTON				
COLION	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
CcC				
COLTON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
CcD				
COLTON	Fair: large stones, slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
CCE COLTON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
CnA COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
CnB COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
CnC COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
CnD COLTON	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
CNE COLTON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>CsA</b> COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
CsB COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
<b>CsC</b> COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
<b>CsD</b> COLTON	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: slope, small stones, too sandy.
<b>DaA</b> DAIGLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>DaB</b> DAIGLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>DAC</b> DAIGLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,

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<b>DgA</b> DAIGLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>DgB</b> DAIGLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>DgC</b> DAIGLE	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
DXA DIXMONT	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DxB</b> DIXMONT	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DxC</b> DIXMONT	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DYA</b> DIXMONT	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DyB</b> DIXMONT	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DyC</b> DIXMONT	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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EWB ELMWOOD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
<b>Ha</b> HADLEY	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.
<b>HbB</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
HbC HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>HdB</b> HERMON	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
<b>HdC</b> HERMON	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
HeB HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
HeC HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>HeE</b> HERMON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too

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HhC HERMON	Fair: large	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area
Нов	stones.			reclaim, small stones, too
HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
HoC				
HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
HvB				
HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
HvC				
HOWLAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
HvD				
HOWLAND	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
Lk				
LIMERICK	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: wetness.
MaB				
MACHIAS	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MbB				
MADAWASKA	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: small stones, thin layer.

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MADE LAND	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.
URBAN LAND	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.
MeA				
MELROSE	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
MeB				
MELROSE	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
MeC MELROSE	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
Mn MIXED ALLUVIAL LAND PD	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
MIXED ALLUVIAL LAND	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.
MOB MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
MrB MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,

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<b>MrB</b> BURNHAM	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>MsC</b> BURNHAM	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
MONARDA	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>Mu</b> MUCK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
On ONDAWA	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: small stones, thin layer.
Pa PEAT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
MUCK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
PC PEAT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
<b>Pf</b> PEAT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.

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<b>PgB</b> PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
PgC PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>PgD</b> PLAISTED	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
<b>PgE</b> PLAISTED	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
PhB PERHAM	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
PhC PERHAM	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
PmB PERHAM	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
PmC PERHAM	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
PrC PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
PrE PLAISTED	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
Ps PEAT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, too acid, wetness.
PxC PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
Py PODUNK	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: area reclaim, small stones, thin
RED HOOK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
ATHERTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
RdB RED HOOK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
ATHERTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
Re RIVERWASH	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too

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RKC ROCKLAND	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.
CANAAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>RkD</b> ROCKLAND	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.
CANAAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
RMC ROCKLAND	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
RMD ROCKLAND	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
Sa SACO	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
SCB SCANTIC	Poor: low strength,	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey,
SeA STETSON	wetness. Good.	Probable.	Probable.	wetness.  Poor: area reclaim, small
SeB STETSON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	stones.  Poor: area
SeC STETSON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	reclaim, small stones.  Poor: area
<b>SeD</b> STETSON				reclaim, small stones.
<b>sfC</b> STETSON	Fair: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
SIEISON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
SUFFIELD Sfe	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
STETSON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
SfE SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, too clayey.
ShD HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
SpD PLAISTED	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
SUA SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
SUB SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
SUC SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
SUC2 SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
SUD SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, too clayey.
SUD2 SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, too clayey.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
SUE SUFFIELD	Poor: low	Improbable:	Improbable:	Poor: slope,
	strength, slope.	excess fines.	excess fines.	too clayey.
SvA				
SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
SvB				
SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
SvC				
SUFFIELD				
	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
SvD				
SUFFIELD	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, too clayey.
ThB				
THORNDIKE				
	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ThC				
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ThD				
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ThE				
THORNDIKE				
	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.

Soil name and map symbol	Roadfill	Sand	Gravel	Topsoil
<b>TKB</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
TKC THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
TVB THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
TvC THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>TvD</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
<b>Wn</b> WINOOSKI	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: too sandy.